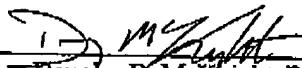


REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-21 are currently pending. By this amendment, claims 1-21 have been cancelled and claims 22-41 have been added as new claims. Applicants believe that the new set of claims obviate the rejections raised in the Office Action. As such, Applicants believe that the claims in this case are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request indication of such. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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